## **Construction Dynamics Inc. (CDI)**

The first African American to earn a bachelor's degree in building construction at Clemson University, Nathaniel "Nate" Spells founded his own construction firm, which later became Construction Dynamics Inc. (CDI), in 1987.

Spells and CDI became 8(a) certified in 1996 and successfully graduated from the program in 2004. During participation in the program, CDI garnered 15 8(a) governmental contracts worth nearly \$15 million.

CDI continues to thrive as one of the leading minority-owned and –operated general contracting and construction management firms in the Southeast. Throughout his career with CDI, Spells has received numerous awards, including Columbia's Visionary Service Award and the BB&T Trailblazer Award. Most recently, he was honored as Clemson University's 2006 Alumni Fellow. Spells is also a trustee at Brookland Baptist Church and a board member for the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

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